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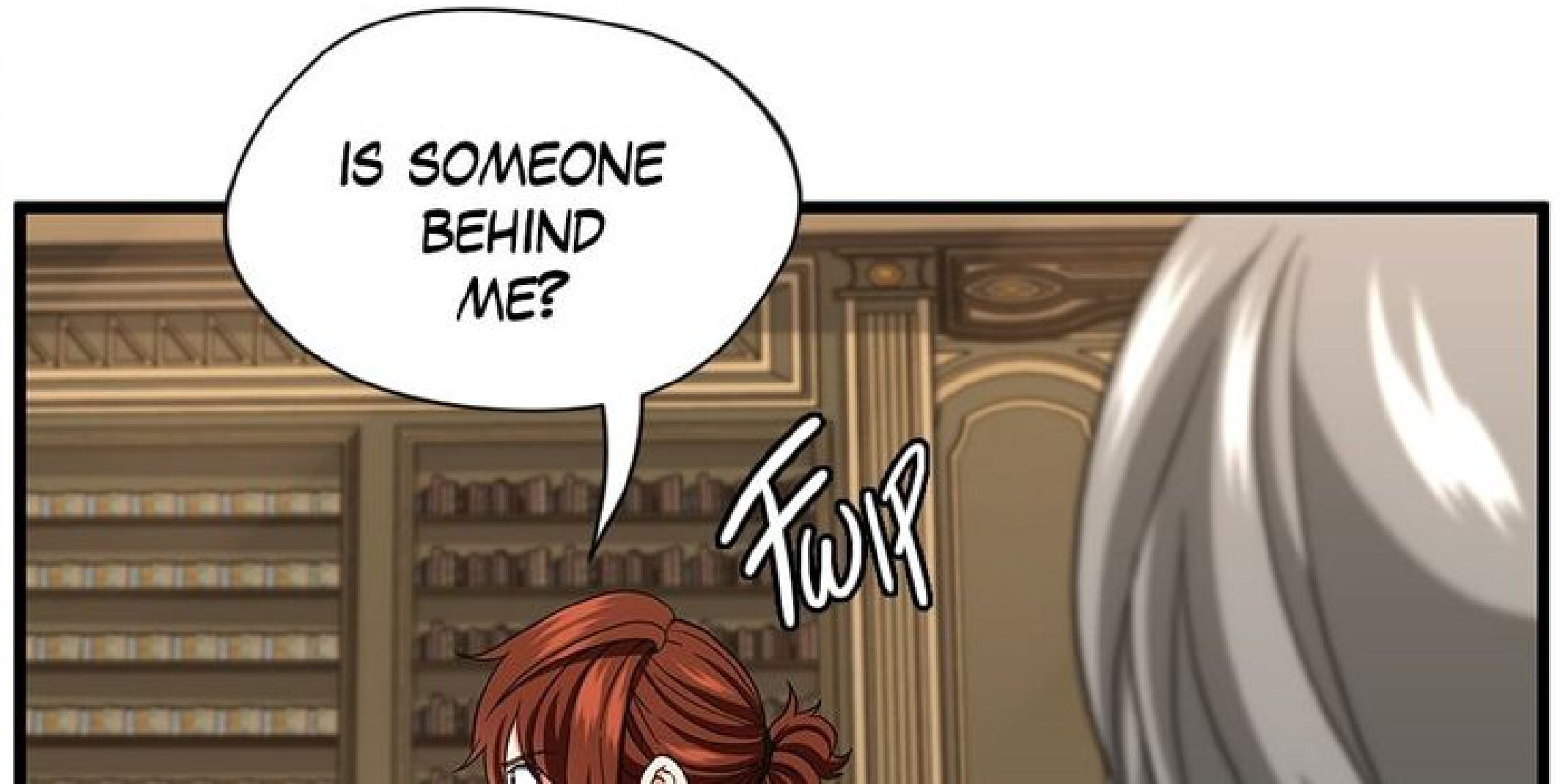

IS SOMEONE BEHIND ME?
FWIP

I WAS
TALKING TO YOU,
MY DEAR.

WHAT EXACTLY
DID KATHYLN TELL
YOU FOR THINGS
TO COME TO THIS?

ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS WITH THE PRINCESS OF DICATHEN NOW, ARE WE?

Ajho

IT'LL BE A PROBLEM IF YOU STEAL THE HEARTS OF BOTH PRINCESSES, ARTHUR.

I DON'T WANT YOU STARTING A CIVIL WAR.

WOOSH

WOOSH

WOOSH

WOOSH

LET'S NOT JOKE ABOUT THESE THINGS...

ANYWAY,
YOU WERE JUST KIDDING, RIGHT?
I'M A STUDENT WHO HASN'T EVEN FINISHED HIS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE TO BE A STUDENT AND PROFESSOR AT THE SAME TIME?

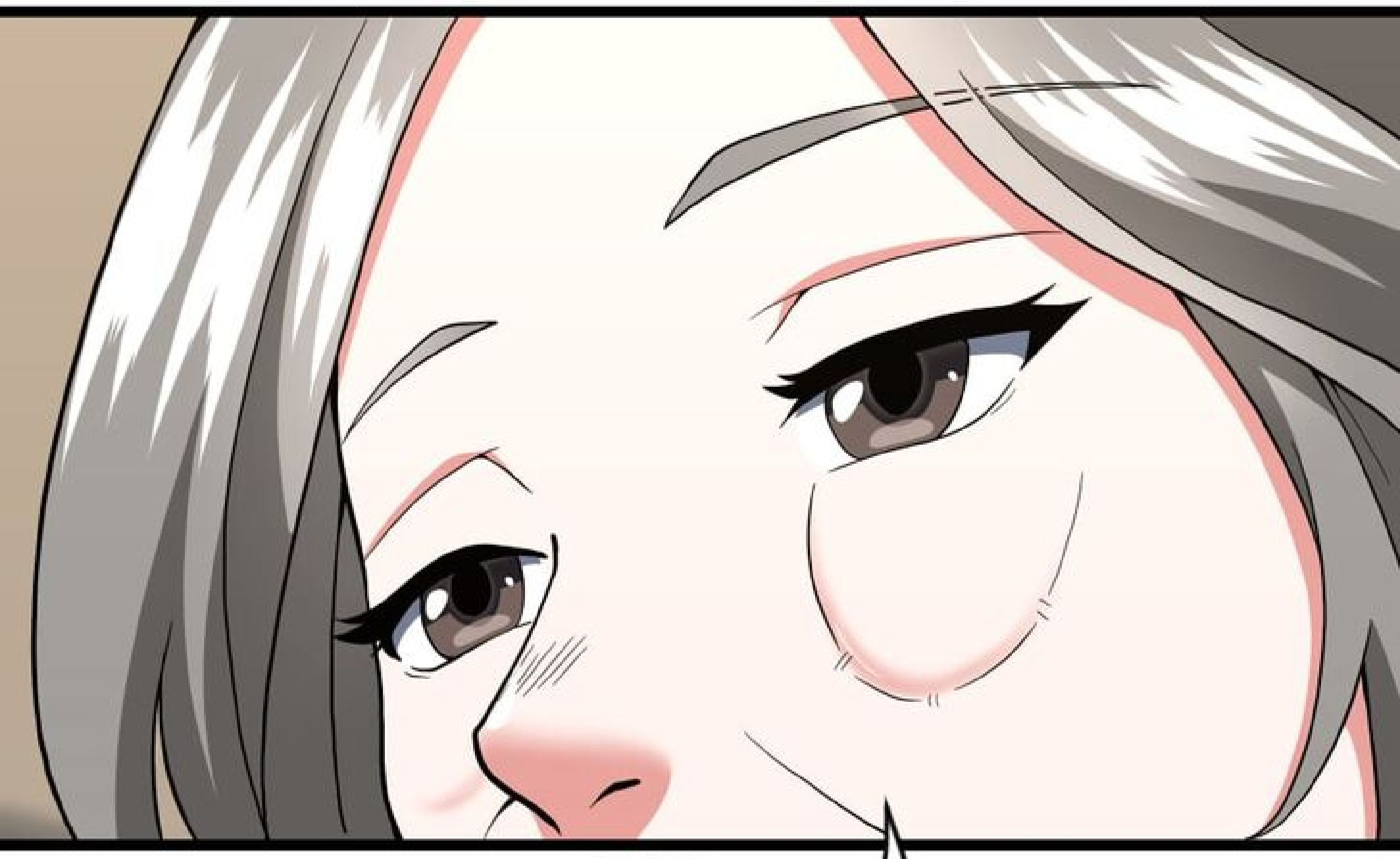
PLEASE--
NO NEED TO GET SO WORKED UP.

IT'S QUITE SIMPLE, ACTUALLY.

IS IT ALLOWED?

YES,
AS LONG AS
I SAY IT IS.

THERE HAVE BEEN CASES OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED UPPERCLASSMEN TEACHING BASIC COURSES.



YOU AREN'T THAT SPECIAL, MY DEAR.

WHAT ABOUT GEIST?

WE'VE
JUST DISMISSED
PROFESSOR GEIST FROM
THE ACADEMY.

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DON'T LOOK
SO SURPRISED.

I HAD AN INVESTIGATION LAUNCHED AS SOON AS I HEARD,

AND WITH PRINCESS KATHYLN'S HELP, GEIST HAD NO ROOM TO DEFEND HIMSELF.

THAT BEING SAID,
I HAVE NEVER SEEN
THE PRINCESS
AS WORKED UP AS
SHE WAS TODAY.

NORMAL KATHYLN

FURIOUS KATHYLN

I-IS THAT SO?

IN ANY CASE,
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS,
DIRECTOR.

BECAUSE A SPOT OPENED UP AND I WANT YOU TO FILL IT.

I HAVE NO ULTERIOR MOTIVES THIS TIME, ARTHUR.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO

SUSPICIOUS.

BUT I BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE A GOOD
OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD
YOUR REPUTATION WITHOUT
HAVING TO GO AROUND
CONQUERING MY
PROFESSORS.

YOU'D BE PUT
INTO THE SPOTLIGHT
TO SOME EXTENT,

BUT I'D BE
WELL PLACED
TO DEFEND YOU,
IF NECESSARY.

PARENTS ARE
BOUND TO COMPLAIN.

THEY MAY
COMPLAIN,

BUT I AM
THE DIRECTOR.

AND IT'S A BETTER SOLUTION THAN CANCELLING THE CLASS.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE...

BUT WOULDN'T IT BE A BETTER USE OF YOUR TIME,

THAN SITTING THROUGH A CLASS YOU'RE CLEARLY OVERQUALIFIED FOR?

IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN KEEP A LOW PROFILE AFTER TODAY ANYWAY.

FINE.

I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT.

I'M SURE YOU'LL BE

I'M SURE YOU'LL DO
AN EXCELLENT JOB.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT THAT BOY THAT ALWAYS KEEPS ME ON MY TOES?

NEGOTIATING WITH HIM IS MORE NERVE-RACKING THAN DEALING WITH THE ROYAL FAMILIES.

WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON HIM, AVIER?

HE IS...
DIFFERENT.

DO NOT VIEW ARTHUR LEYWIN AS A CHILD.

WHETHER IT IS MENTAL ACUITY OR EMOTIONAL MATURITY, THERE IS MUCH MORE TO HIM THAN THE EYE CAN SEE.

WHAT MAKES YOU SO CERTAIN?

HIS BOND.

THAT WHITE
FOX'S TRUE FORM
IS THAT OF A
DRAGON.

WHAT?!

I SUSPECT
WHEN SHE DEVELOPS,
MY STRENGTH WILL

NOT EVEN BE COMPARABLE TO HERS.

DO NOT MAKE HIM YOUR ENEMY, CYNTHIA.

IF TREATED WITH TRUST AND RESPECT, HE WILL BECOME YOUR GREATEST ALLY.

BUT IF
BETRAYED...

HE MAY BE THE CAUSE
OF THIS CONTINENT'S
DEMISE.

ART!

OVER HERE!

CHARLOTTE,
THIS IS MY BEST
FRIEND AND ROOMMATE,
ARTHUR LEYWIN.

ARTHUR,
THIS IS
CHARLOTTE.

H-HELLO!

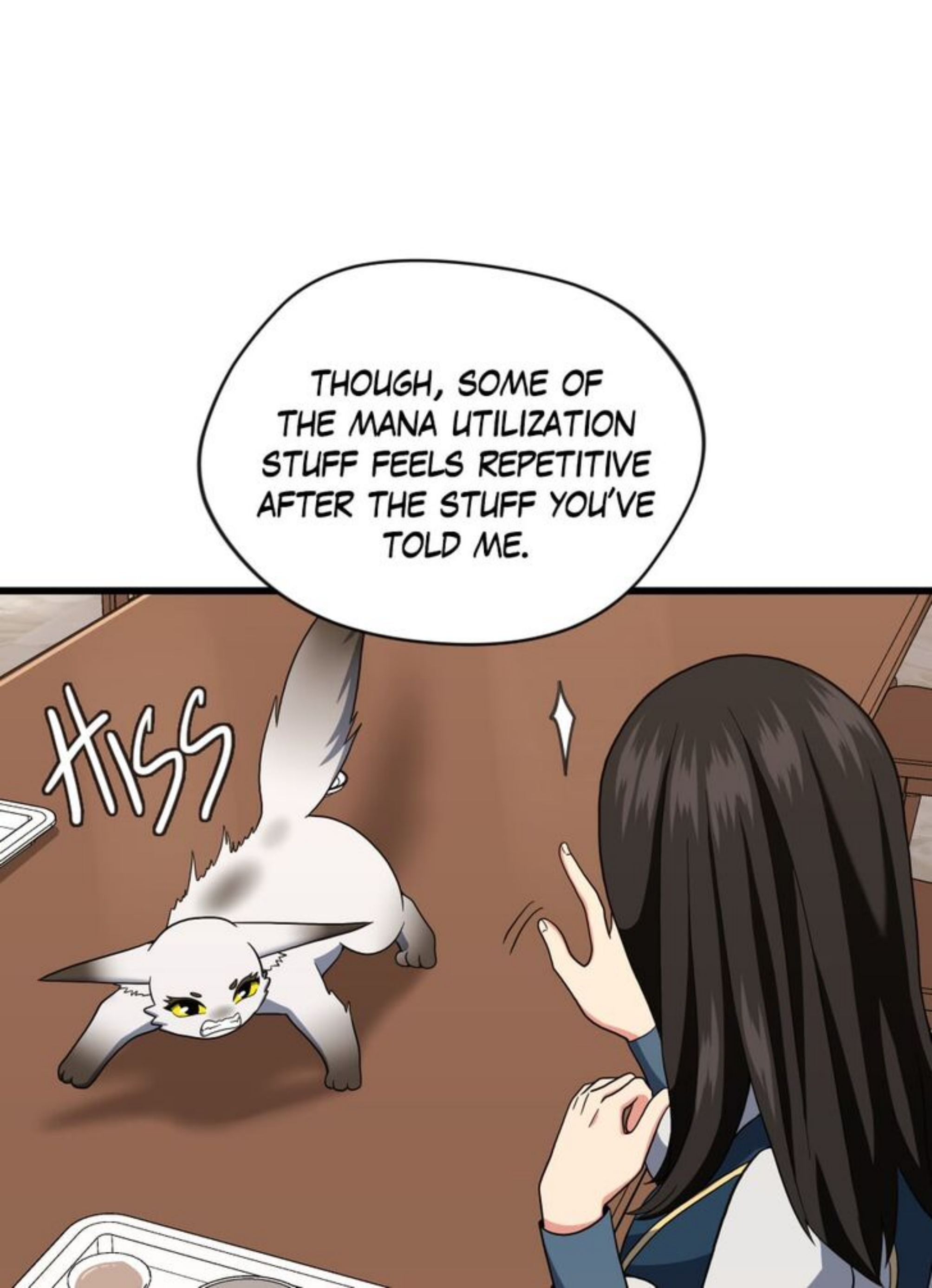
IT'S A
PLEASURE.

HOW WERE YOUR CLASSES WITHOUT ME?

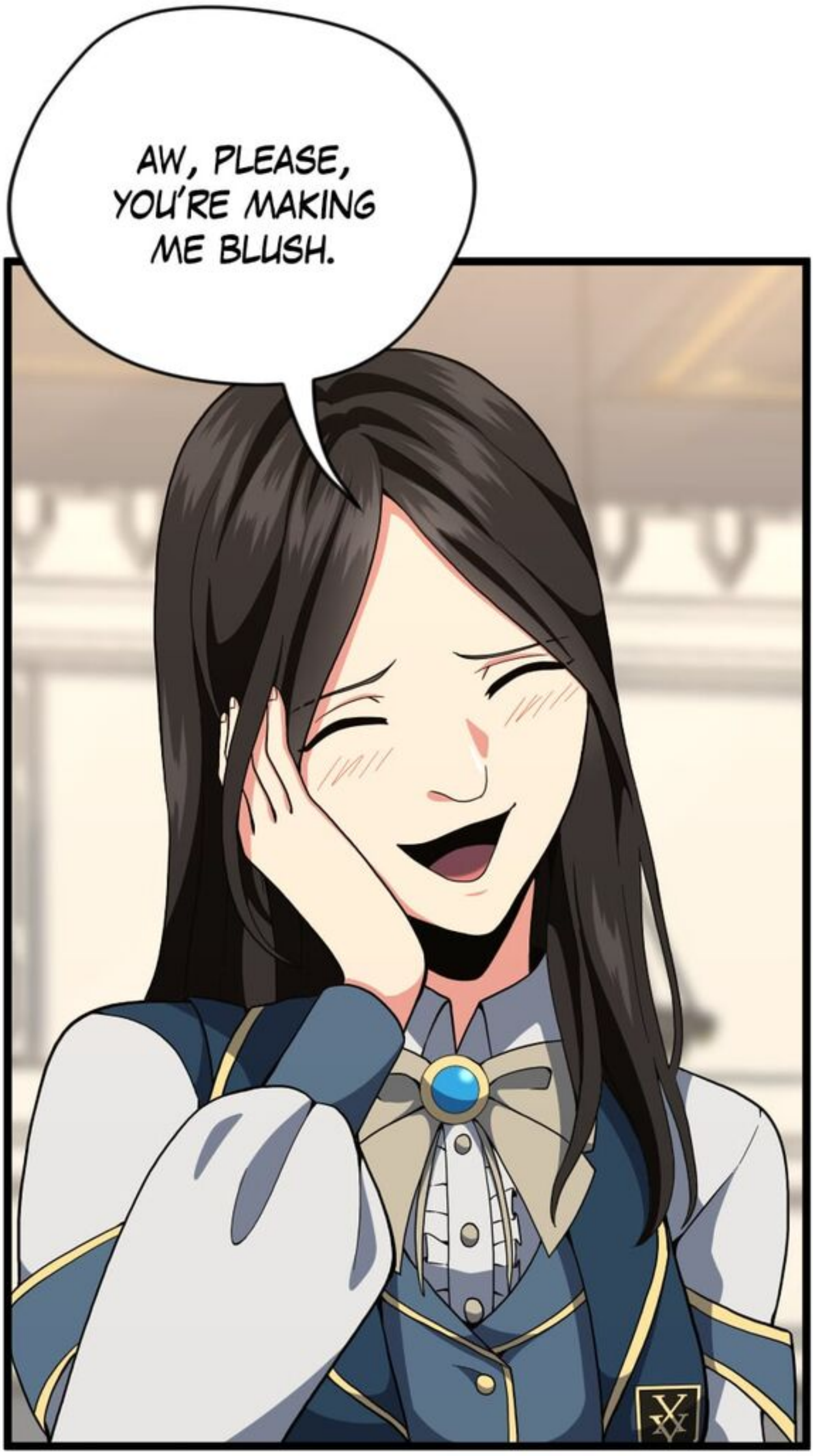
MUCH BETTER WITHOUT YOU.

I ESPECIALLY LIKE
BASIC CHAIN-CASTING
AND MANA UTILIZATION.

THOUGH, SOME OF THE MANA UTILIZATION STUFF FEELS REPETITIVE AFTER THE STUFF YOU'VE TOLD ME.



CHARLOTTE'S IN MY CHAIN-CASTING CLASS!
SHE'S REALLY GOOD!


AW, PLEASE,
YOU'RE MAKING
ME BLUSH.

HOW WERE YOURS?

I HEARD YOU ALREADY BEAT UP A PROFFESOR.

YEAH, ABOUT THAT--

I ENDED UP BECOMING THE PROFESSOR FOR THAT CLASS.

SPLURT

SORRY, WHAT?!

YOU'RE GOING TO BE A PROFESSOR?!

Y-YEAH...
I ENDED UP REPLACING THE PROFESSOR WHO TAUGHT THE CLASS.

SO DON'T GO AROUND SPITTING ON A PROFESSOR.

PROFESSOR,
MY ASS.

BUT MAYBE
I SHOULD DITCH
MY CLASS SOMETIME
AND GO TO YOURS.
I WANT TO SEE
YOU IN ACTION.

OH BY THE WAY,
CHARLOTTE AND I

WE'RE GOING TO HEAD DOWNTOWN FOR SOME SHOPPING,

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US?

YES! YOU SHOULD JOIN US, ARTHUR!

SORRY,
I'VE GOT THREE
MORE CLASSES
AFTER THIS.

I CAN'T MISS THE UPPER DIVISION CLASSES.

OH, GUESS IT'LL JUST BE YOU AND ME, CHARLOTTE!

E-EH?

A-AHH... I FORGOT I MADE PLANS TODAY!

BUT WE SHOULD DEFINITELY GO SOME OTHER TIME--

ALL THREE OF US!

WELL, SEE YOU LATER!

BYE, ARTHUR!

HER OTHER PLANS
MUST BE IMPORTANT...

I GUESS I'LL GET SOME STUDYING DONE IN THE LIBRARY THEN...

ANYWAY, SHE'S NICE, RIGHT? AND PRETTY!

DO YOU THINK I HAVE A SHOT WITH HER?

I THINK YOU

CAN DO BETTER,
BUDDY.
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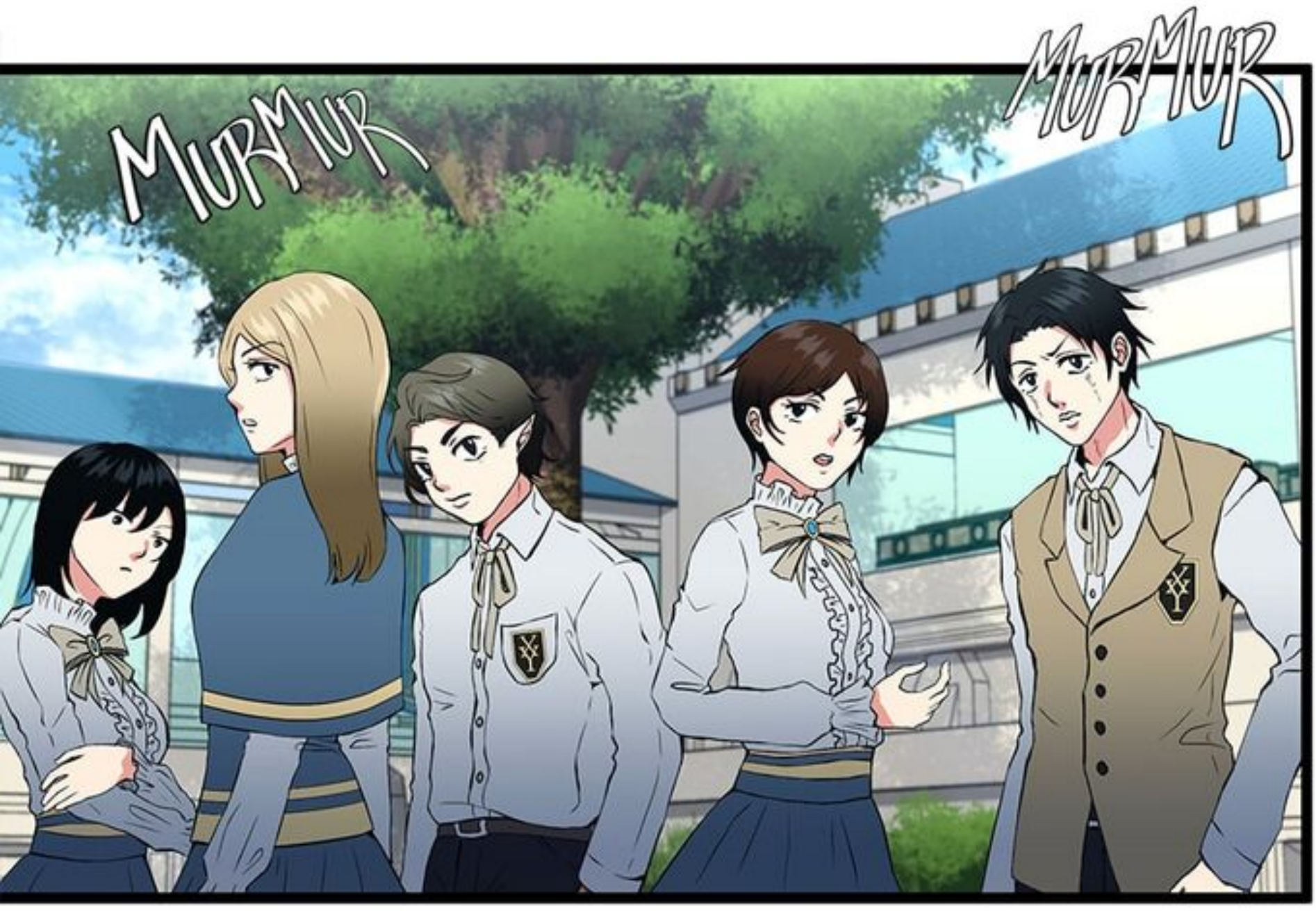
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AH, I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU IN AN UPPER-DIVISION CLASS, ARTHUR.

OVER HERE!!
YO!

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, ARTHUR!

LET'S NOT EMBARASS THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, ALRIGHT?

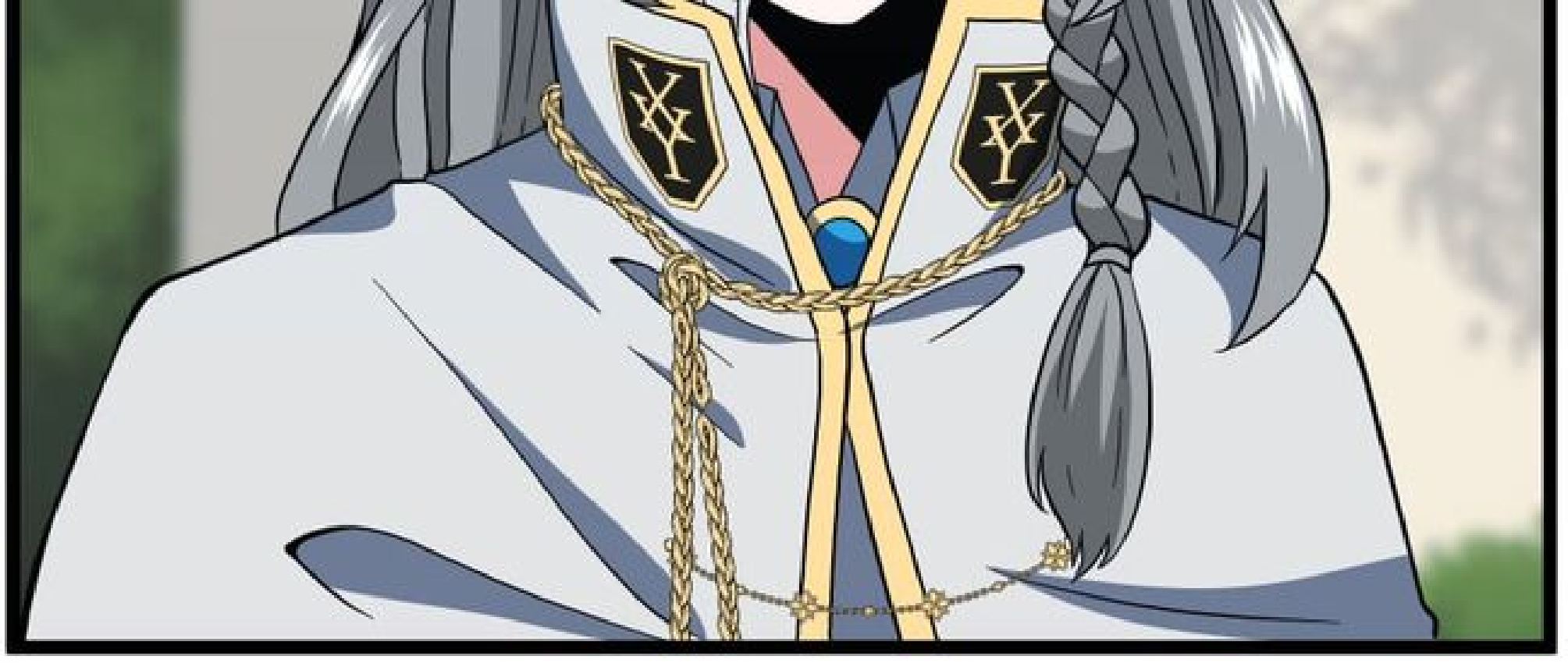
I-I'LL DO MY BEST.

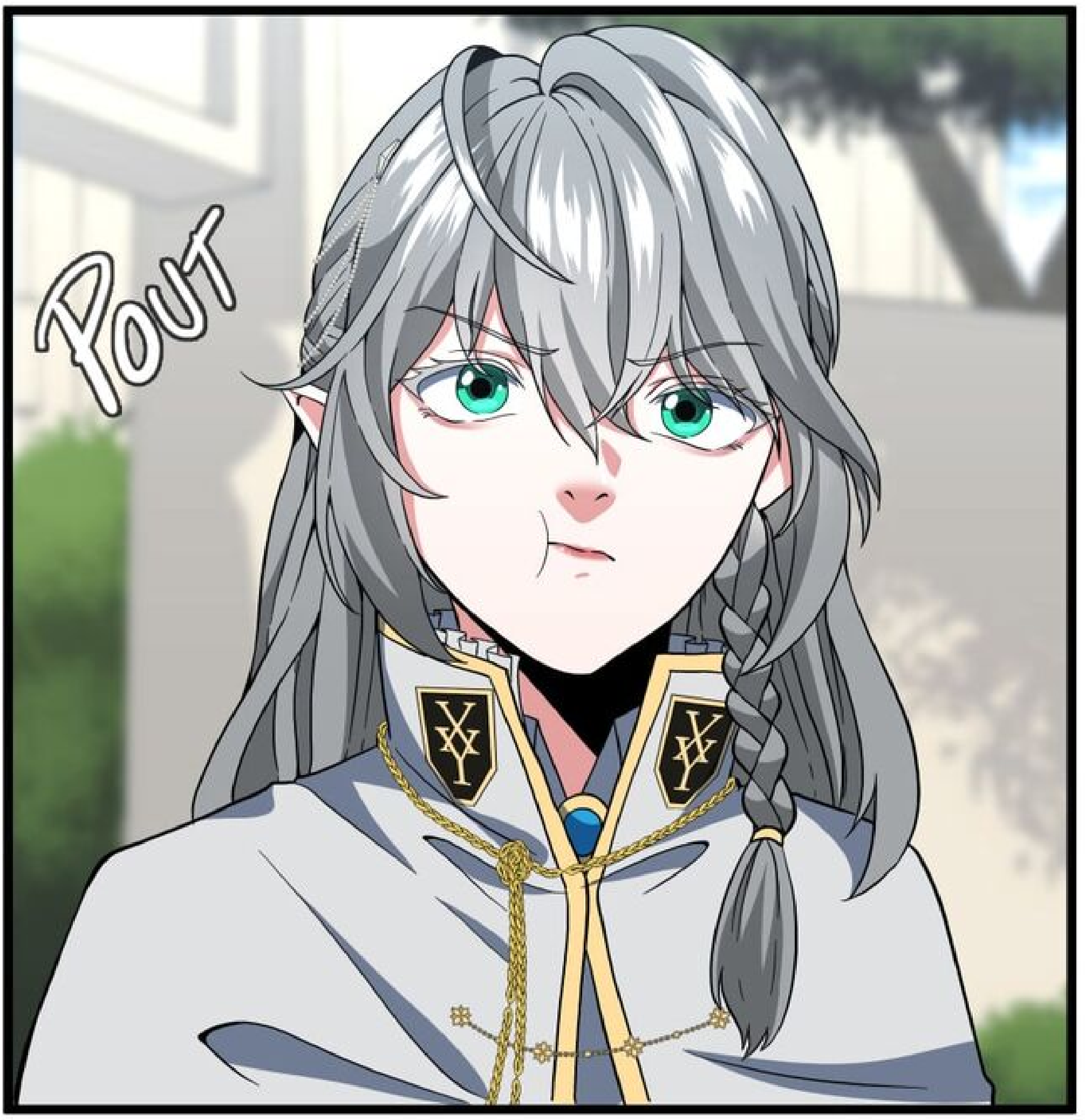
IS THIS THE WHOLE CLASS?
THERE SHOULD BE A FEW MORE-- AH!

THERE THEY ARE!

GOOD AFTERNOON,
PRINCESS TESSIA!

UGH—

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H-HEY--

HMPH!

PLEASURE.

HUH?
SHE'S IN A BAD MOOD TODAY.

IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU!

WE SHOULD HEAD ON OVER AS WELL.

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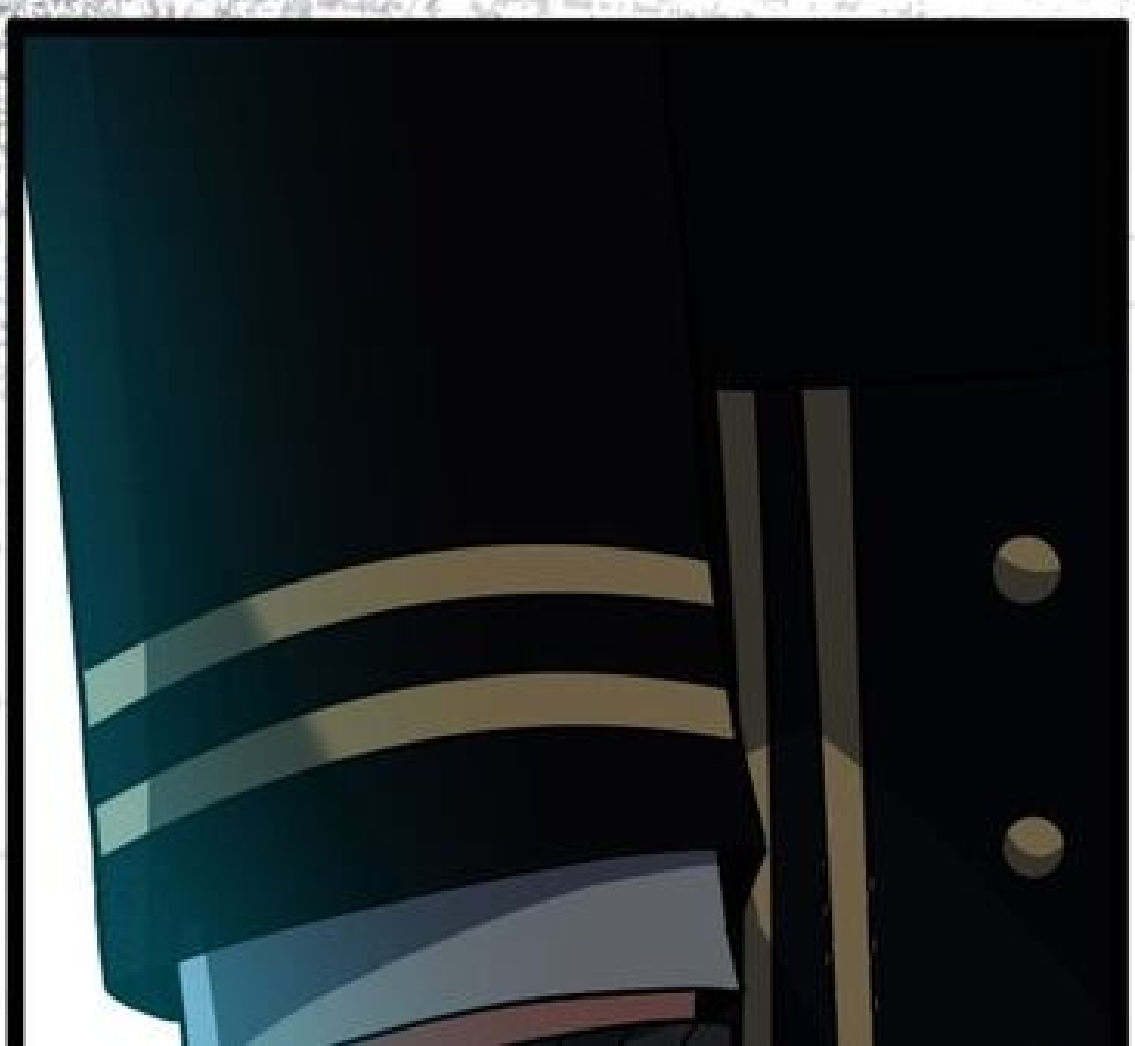
WHOOSH



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